

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.]

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE }
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 1867, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, Daniel Macauley, in the chair,
and the following members :

Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel,
Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt,
Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—17.

Absent—Councilman Burgess—1.

The proceedings of the regular session held November 18, 1867,
were read and approved.

Mr. Davis offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to fill up the
holes on Maryland street, between Delaware and Meridian streets, with
stone spalls.

Which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with in-
structions to have the work done as they deem best.

Mr. Davis, also, offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to place two foot bridges on Kentucky Avenue, on the north side, at the intersection of West street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davis, also, offered the following motion :

That the Sexton of the city cemetery be, and is hereby directed to properly grade and gravel the carriage ways in said cemetery.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Foster introduced general ordinance No. 115, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE relative to placing a flagman at the crossing, at the intersection of Missouri street and Kentucky Avenue.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Henschen offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to gravel the crossing of East and Bicking streets.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Henschen, also, offered the following motion :

That Wm. Stolte, be granted permission to dig a well on the sidewalk, in front of his property, on the corner of McCarty and Delaware streets.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Jameson presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 19, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Damages \$6 50 for my horse falling through with one hind leg, in an opening on the bridge crossing at Geisendorff's Woolen Factory, West Washington street, tearing off the shoe, laming my horse, and breaking the wagon pole. Also, three dollars for getting scared.

JACOB TRAUB

On motion by Mr. Kappes, the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. MacArthur offered the following motion :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill a hole on the sidewalk at the intersection of the first alley east of the Canal, on Market street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Seidensticker introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 69—1867, entitled :

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Dr. Woodburn presented the following bill :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The city of Indianapolis to James K. Bigelow	Dr.
For medicines and surgical appliances furnished to city prisoners in the county jail, for the quarter ending December 1, 1867	\$135 00

The following is a list of persons treated, with their disease, offense, &c:

Anna Hudson—prostitution, syphilis.
 Nellie Bly—prostitution and drunk, syphilis.
 Mary Bond—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Jennie Hall—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Jennie Watts—prostitution, syphilis.
 Evaline Johnson—prostitution, gonorrhoea.
 Sallie Wilson—prostitution, gonorrhoea.
 Ann Brown—drunk, parturition.
 Ann Walker—unlawful assembly, hysterics.
 Mary McCarty—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Francis Jones—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Mary Johnson—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 John Scott, (colored)—drunk, syphilis.
 Lew Birth—prostitution, syphilis.
 Mary Jane Hudson—prostitution, syphilis.
 Ida Jones—prostitution, syphilis.
 Fannie Hill—prostitution, syphilis.
 Eliza Taylor—prostitution, syphilis.
 Elijah Hamilton—drunk, dysentery.
 Jennie Osgood—prostitution, syphilis.
 Mary Jackson—prostitution, syphilis.
 Stephen Frazier—unlawful assembly, gonorrhoea.
 Thos. Jeffrey—drunk, syphilis.
 Peter Smith Obrier—drunk, intermitent fever.
 Jane Ross—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Sallie Ross—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Pat Casey—drunk, delirium tremens.
 Laura Lee—prostitution, syphilis.
 Andrew Snears—unlawful assembly, gonorrhoea.
 Lewis Brehm—disturbing peace, gonorrhoea.
 Mollie Preston—prostitution, syphilis.
 Tom Showman—vagrant, syphilis.
 John O'Neal—drunk, syphilis.
 Westly Johnson—drunk, syphilis.
 Josephine Lynn—prostitution, gonorrhoea.
 Marie Washington—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Jane Adkinson—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 Sallie Clark—unlawful assembly, syphilis.
 John Pearson—drunk, delirium tremens.
 Frank Sherry—drunk, delirium tremens.
 Fred Meyers—drunk, delirium tremens.
 Jacob Smith—drunk, delirium tremens.

I certify that Dr. J. K. Bigelow was called to attend the above named city prisoners and others, and that the medicines, &c. was furnished as stated.

GEO. W. PARKER, *Seriff Marion County.*

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney.

By consent, Mr. Cottrell offered the following motion :

That the City Auditor be instructed to report an ordinance to refund the amount of taxes erroneously assessed against A. F. Noble, a non-resident of the city.

Which was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS.

Mr. MacArthur, from the Board of Public Improvements, made the following report :

OFFICE BOARD OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, }
Indianapolis, Nov. 23, 1867. }

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Public Improvement to whom was referred the petition of Peter Routier and others, in regard to grading and graveling an alley running from Cedar to Pine streets, respectfully report that we find that there is *not* a majority of the property holders petitioning for said improvement, therefore, we respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

JNO. B. MACARTHUR, }
SAMUEL GODDARD, } *Board.*
W. H. LOOMIS, }

Which was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, reported back the petition of R. P. Brown, asking remuneration for injury done a bay mare while crossing a defective bridge in the city.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the claim was rejected.

Dr. Jameson, from the Finance Committee, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Finance beg leave to report in reference to petition of H. Seymour, asking remuneration for laying down of drain pipe on Illinois street, that the city should pay no part of the cost thereof unless said pipe can be used for the benefit of the public. We beg leave to suggest the propriety of referring the same to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Brown, Woodburn and Goddard, who shall enquire what arrangements can be made for draining other nuisances through said pipe, &c.

In relation to petition of Geo. S. D. Rooker, would recommend that prayer of petitioner be granted.

In relation to petition of John Smithmeyer, we find his assessment papers in due form, signed and sworn to by himself, and in accordance with the usage of the Committee, recommend that no deduction be made.

Respectfully,

P. H. JAMESON, }
C. F. SCHMIDT, } *Committee.*
THOS. COTTRELL, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Seidensticker, from the Committee on Revision of Ordinances, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom a petition of A. C. Brackebush, for permission to erect a sign post, with sign attached, on Washington street, was referred, respectfully report, that while it is doubtful whether sections 17 and 26 of the ordinance on streets and alleys expressly prohibits the Council from granting the privileges asked for in the petition, the general policy of the Council, as indicated in the ordinance referred to, and others, seems to be against the granting of such privileges.

A SEIDENSTICKER, } *Com. on Revision*
S. A. COLLEY, } *of Ordinances.*
THOS. COTTRELL, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Seidensticker, from the same committee, also made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The Committee on Revision of Ordinances, to whom the motion for an ordinance prohibiting minors from getting on railroad trains within the city limits was referred, respectfully herewith report an ordinance which, in their opinion, is adapted to the aims of the motion referred to us.

While your committee had some doubts whether such an ordinance would repress the recklessness of persons who habitually endanger their own life and limb, we thought that even the remote possibility of preventing a single accident would justify the drafting and passage of such an ordinance, and therefore submit the same for your consideration.

A. SEIDENSTICKER, } *Com. on Revision*
S. A. COLLY, } *of Ordinances.*
THOS. COTTRELL, }

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Seidensticker introduced general ordinance No. 116, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting all persons but travelers and railroad employes from getting on or jumping off any railroad trains within the corporate limits, while the same are in motion.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Coburn, from the Committee on Fire Department, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the motion to purchase ground for an engine house north of Vermont and west of Illinois streets, would report that they deem it inexpedient to purchase ground at present for a new engine house, and the establishing of another fire company. This matter is so well understood that your committee consider it useless to enter into the reasons in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY COBURN, } *Com. on Fire Dep't.*
J. H. KAPPES, }

Mr. Davis moved that the report be referred back to the Committee, and called for the ayes and noes.

The question being on the reference, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Davis, Jameson, MacArthur and Stanton—4.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—13.

So the motion to refer back was not adopted.

The question being on concurring in the report.

Mr. Davis called for the ayes and noes.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, Schmidt and Seidensticker—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Cottrell, Davis, MacArthur, Stanton and Woodburn—5.

So the report was concurred in.

Mr. Kappes introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 70—1867, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Seidensticker, from special committee, made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

The undersigned special committee, to whom the petition praying an appropriation of \$1,000 for the purpose of assisting in the boring of an artesian well was referred, respectfully report:

1 While the locality for the artesian well suggested in the petition has the advantage of having a commencement of nearly 100 feet of boring, it is so much secluded and out of the way, besides being on private ground, that it hardly seems the best adapted for the expenditure of public money.

2 It is doubtful whether the amount of \$1,000, even if doubled by private subscriptions, would be sufficient to secure an artesian well with a proportionate supply of water; and if not, the money would be uselessly expended.

3 We doubt whether the finances of the city are in such a condition as to warrant the expenditure of \$1,000 or more in an experiment.

For these reasons your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners for an appropriation of \$1,000 be not granted.

Respectfully,

A. SEIDENSTICKER, }
 J. H. WOODBURN, } Committee.
 G. A. FOSTER, }

Mr Seidensticker called for the ayes and noes upon the concurrence in the report.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Cobarn, Foster, Geisel, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Stanton—9.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Goddard, Loomis, MacArthur and Woodburn—8.

So the report was concurred in.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk made the following report:

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK, }
Indianapolis, Nov. 25, 1867. }

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report the following affidavits on file in my office for the collection of street assessment by precept, as follows, to-wit.
Wm. Kowan against David Reynolds, for - - - - - \$20 00
Wm Cogill against McKernan and Davis, for - - - - - 11 40
Daniel Mahoney against L. S. Corwine, for - - - - - 114 14

And would recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully, D. M. RANSELL, *City Clerk.*

Which was concurred in.

The Civil Engineer made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

I hereby report the following work finished according to contract:

Hiram Seibert, for grading and graveling Cherry street and sidewalks, between Fort Wayne Avenue and east side of Ash street.

Length on north side..... 1721 feet.
Length on south side..... 1761 feet, 6 in.

Total length..... 3482 feet, 6 in.
Total estimate, at 64 cents per lineal foot..... \$2228 80

Samuel Lefever, for grading, paving and curbing the south sidewalk on Washington street, between East and Noble streets.
667 feet, 3 inches pavement, at one dollar and thirty-fivecents per foot... 900 79
618 feet, 8 inches curbing, at ninety cents per lineal foot..... 556 80

Total estimate..... \$1457 59

Respectfully, R. M. PATTERSON, *Civil Engineer.*

Which was concurred in.

The City Judge made the following report:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that during the month of October just past, I collected for the city on account of forfeits for violation of the

city ordinances, the sum of two hundred and forty nine dollars and thirty-six cents, which amount I this day turned over to the City Treasurer, as will appear by the accompanying voucher.

I am, gentlemen, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

JOHN N. SCOTT, *City Judge.*

Which was concurred in.

The Street Commissioner made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

In accordance to instructions I respectfully report that the cost for repairing East Market Square is as follows :

For grading-----	\$32 50
For 298 yards of gravel-----	252 24

Total-----	\$284 74
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The work is complete.

AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was concurred in.

The Street Commissioner, also, made the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 25, 1867.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

The following work I done in the city of Indianapolis, from October 21, up to November 23, 1867:

1. Put one foot bridge on Pennsylvania and Maryland streets.
2. Put one foot bridge on Alabama street, with the intersection of the Eastern Market Square.
3. Filled the crossings on Mississippi and Michigan streets with spalls.
4. Filled the crossings on Davidson and Vermont streets with gravel.
5. Filled around the cistern on Market and Pennsylvania streets with gravel.
6. Filled around the cistern on Market and New Jersey streets with gravel.
7. Repaired the culvert on New Jersey and Washington streets.
8. Built a culvert on Wyoming street, the third alley east of Delaware street.
9. Built a small culvert on Delaware street, the first alley south-west of Pogue's Run.
10. Built a culvert on New Jersey and Duncan streets.
11. Repaired a culvert on Illinois and South streets.
12. Lowered a culvert on Illinois and Market streets.
13. Deepened the ditch on Railroad street; commenced on Bellefontain Railroad track with deepening the same 19½ feet, and let the same run out with 7 inches at Massachusetts Avenue and St. Clair street.
14. Built twenty-three bridges over the ditch on Railroad street at different length; three of them are 8 feet wide and 12 feet long; two are 8 by 3 feet, and the balance are all 8 feet wide, and 24 and 28 feet long.

15. Repaired the stone tumbler on Washington street, near Noble street.
16. Filled the crossings on Chatham and St. Clair streets with gravel.
17. Filled the crossings on Jackson and St. Clair streets with gravel.
18. Filled around the cistern on Alabama and Cumberland streets with gravel.
19. Filled around the cistern on Tennessee and Market streets with spalls.
20. Moved the earth away from the new built cistern on Alabama and Cumberland streets.
21. Filled the crossings on Tennessee and St. Clair streets with gravel.
22. Filled the crossings on Tennessee and Pratt streets with gravel.
23. Lowered the culvert on Bright and New York streets one foot.
24. Built a new culvert on Bright and New York streets.
25. Put two new foot bridges on Bright and New York streets.
26. Built a new bridge on Benton street across Pogue's Run, with stone abutments the full width of the street.
27. Built a new foot bridge on Mississippi street, across Pogue's Run, 8 feet wide and 88 feet long.
28. Built two small culverts on Liberty street and Pogue's Run.
29. Put two foot bridges on Massachusetts Avenue and Ohio street.
30. Put one foot bridge on Indiana Avenue and Vermont street.
31. Put one foot bridge on Indiana Avenue and Louisiana street.
32. Cleaned the gutters on Meridian street, between Washington and Louisiana streets.
33. Cleaned the gutters on Washington street, between Illinois and Noble streets.
34. Cleaned the gutters on Pennsylvania street, between Washington and New York streets.
35. Cleaned the gutters on Market street, between Pennsylvania street and the Governor's Circle.
36. Filled the holes on Massachusetts Avenue, between New Jersey and Liberty streets, with gravel.
37. Filled the mouth of the alley on Pennsylvania street, on the east side, between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
38. Deepened the gutter on Kentucky Avenue, along the grave yard, so that the water can run out of West street.
39. Hauled 33 yards of spalls and gravel at the crossings of West and Georgia streets.
40. Filled the holes on East street, between Pogue's Run and Louisiana street, with gravel.
41. Put flat stone crossings on Illinois and Ohio streets.
42. Graded and graveled the Eastern Market Square.
43. Filled the crossings on Indiana Avenue and California street with spalls.
44. Filled the crossings on Fletcher Avenue and Cider street with gravel.
45. Filled the crossings on Meridian and New York streets with gravel.
46. Filled the crossings on Delaware and Merrill streets with gravel.
47. Filled the holes on Noble street, between South and Louisiana streets, with gravel.
48. Filled around the cistern on Pennsylvania and St. Clair streets with gravel.

49. Dug a ditch on Cady street, up to Lord street, for to lead the water out of Lord street

50 Put two foot bridges on Delaware and Merrill streets.

The money I expended in the different Wards from October 21, up to November 23, and the balance credit on \$1,000 in said Wards is as follows:

WARDS.	Expended from Oct. 21 to Nov. 22, 1867.	Bal. credit for each Ward on \$1,000 this 25th day Nov., 1867.	Deficit. Expended over \$1,000.
1st Ward.....	\$59 78	\$100 00	
2d Ward.....	45 50	269 85	
3d Ward.....	152 50	320 70	
4th Ward.....	127 46	319 89	
5th Ward.....	54 00	104 52	
6th Ward.....	26 38		\$163 37
7th Ward.....	104 04		26 09
8th Ward.....	145 36	512 49	
9th Ward.....	75 62	404 48	
Total.....	\$792 64	\$2,212 14	\$189 46

Respectfully submitted,
AUGUST RICHTER, *Street Commissioner.*

Which was concurred in.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

Mr. MacArthur called up general ordinance No. 112 creating the office of Meat inspector.

Which was read the second time, and, on motion, was made the special order of business for the regular meeting to be held Monday, December 2, 1867.

On motion by Mr. Kappes, special appropriation ordinance No. 69—1867, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Coburn, special appropriation ordinance No. 70—1867, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Davis, the Auditor was instructed to embody in the above ordinance a bill in favor of Joseph Kruger, amounting to \$600, for building cistern.

Mr. Coburn moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of passing the ordinance.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—12.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Foster, Geisel and Kappes—5.

So the rules were suspended, and special appropriation ordinance No. 70—1867, was read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Coburn, Colley, Davis, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker and Woodburn—11.

Those who voted in the negative were Councilmen Brown, Cottrell, Foster, Geisel, Kappes and Stanton—6.

So the ordinance passed.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of passing appropriation ordinance.

The question being on a suspension of the rules, those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the rules were suspended.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 69—1867, was then taken up, read the third time, and placed upon its passage.

The question being, shall the ordinance pass? those who voted in the affirmative were Councilmen Brown, Coburn, Colley, Cottrell, Davis, Foster, Geisel, Goddard, Henschen, Jameson, Kappes, Loomis, MacArthur, Schmidt, Seidensticker, Stanton and Woodburn—17.

No Councilman voting in the negative.

So the ordinance passed.

On motion by Mr. Colley, the Council adjourned.

DANIEL MACAULEY, *Mayor*.

ATTEST:

D. M. RANDELL, *City Clerk*.